FINGERTIP FACTS & FIGURES

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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	November, 1979			November 30, 1979	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	594	589	527	463	1,164
Douglas Fir Region	647	626	585	499	860
Western Pine Region	760	733	703	381	1,338
California Redwood Region	148	124	108	135	440
Other Softwoods	119	115	106	242	261
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,268	2,187	2,029	1,720	4,063
% Change - Oct., 1979	-17.4	-16.5	-14.7	- 8.4	+ 2.0
% Change - Nov., 1978	- 6.8	-11.0	- 9.5	-13.5	+ 1.6
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	304	284	285	265	538
Appalachian Hardwood Region	114	98	99	*	*
Other Hardwoods	228	208	209	128	606
TOTAL HARDWOODS	646	590	593	393	1,144
% Change - Oct., 1979	- 8.2	- 7.5	- 6.6	+ 0.8	+ 5.1
% Change - Nov., 1978	- 5.8	-11.4	- 9.9	-34.2	+46.9
TOTAL LUMBER	2,914	2,777	2,622	2,113	5,207
% Change - Oct., 1979	-15.6	-14.7	-13.0	- 6.8	+ 2.7
% Change - Nov., 1978	- 6.6	-11.1	- 9.6	-18.3	+ 9.0
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	8,121	6,781	6,223	7,987	4,773
Maple Flooring Region	1,461	1,807	1,978	12,198	1,410
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,547,287	1,539,050	1,467,980	887,352	331,805
% Change - Oct., 1979	-17.8	-13.7	-13.4	- 7.4	- 0.5
% Change - Nov., 1978	- 6.8	- 6.7	+12.6	+ 6.9	- 2.0

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Nov. '79	Percent Change From Oct. '79	Percent Change From Nov. '78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,519	-10.2	-10.4
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,046	- 8.7	- 7.7
Western Pine Reg.	10,145	- 5.3	- 3.3
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,000	- 0.9	- 4.5
Other Softwoods	1,516	- 7.1	- 7.1
Total Softwoods	29,226	- 7.4	- 6.7
Total Hardwoods	8,247	+10.4	- 5.8
TOTAL LUMBER.	37,473	- 3.9	- 6.5

SHIPMENTS

	Nov. '79	Percent Change From Oct. '79	Percent Change From Nov. '78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	7,716	- 5.2	-10.5
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,801	- 7.0	-12.4
Western Pine Reg.	9,828	- 4.4	- 8.4
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,689	- 8.9	-20.5
Other Softwoods	1,485	- 5.5	-10.9
Total Softwoods	28,519	- 5.6	-11.0
Total Hardwoods	7,398	+ 4.7	-11.4
TOTAL LUMBER.	35,917	- 3.7	-11.1

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

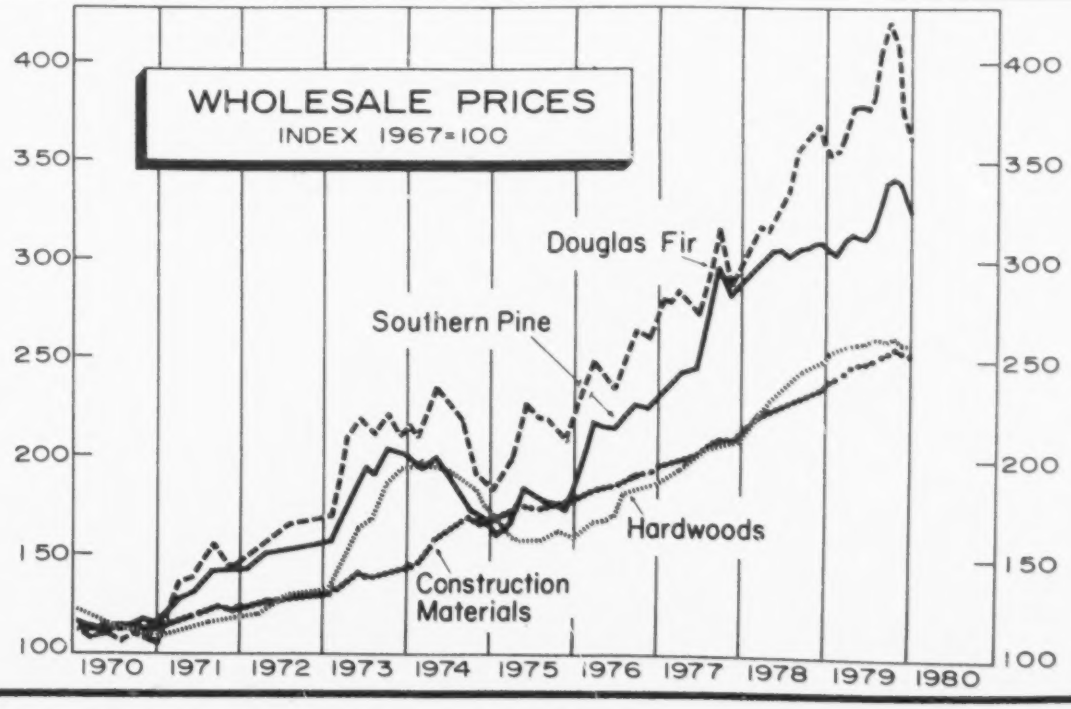
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 11 mos. '79	34,753	34,351	33,871
Total Lumber - 11 mos. '78	35,103	35,175	35,125
% Change	- 1.0	- 2.3	- 3.6
Softwood Lumber - 11 mos. '79	27,420	27,360	27,060
Softwood Lumber - 11 mos. '78	28,303	28,382	28,211
% Change	- 3.1	- 3.6	- 4.1
Hardwood Lumber - 11 mos. '79	7,333	6,991	6,811
Hardwood Lumber - 11 mos. '78	6,800	6,793	6,914
% Change	+ 7.8	+ 2.9	- 1.5

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Nov. '79	Percent Change From Oct. '79	Percent Change From Nov. '78	11 mos. '79	Percent Change From 11mos. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	910.2	- 1.5	- 7.0	10,751.1	- 4.4
Softwoods	882.7	- 0.8	- 7.4	10,370.5	- 4.9
From Canada	879.5	- 0.9	- 7.1	10,324.6	- 4.8
Other Sources	3.2	+ 3.2	- 52.9	45.8	- 17.8
Hardwoods	24.7	-20.3	+ 0.8	353.3	+ 6.8
From Canada	6.2	-13.9	- 21.5	80.8	- 15.4
Other Sources	18.5	-22.3	+ 11.4	272.5	+ 15.9
Other (not specified)	2.7	-10.0	+145.5	27.4	+136.2
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	187.6	+ 8.9	+ 30.5	1,961.4	+ 25.2
Softwoods	151.0	+10.6	+ 29.9	1,596.3	+ 27.2
Hardwoods	27.9	+ 4.5	+ 7.7	284.4	- 1.0
Other (not specified)	8.7	- 5.4	+443.8	80.7	+225.4
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	61.0	- 0.7	+ 54.0	609.9	+ 14.0

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Nov. '79	Oct. '79	Nov. '78	11mos.'79	11mos.'78
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	20,499	- 7.7	+ 6.8	208,492	+10.3
Private	16,084	- 5.6	+ 7.9	163,520	+11.4
Residential	8,524	- 6.7	+ 0.6	90,220	+ 4.8
Nonresidential & Other	7,560	- 4.4	+17.4	73,300	+20.9
Public	4,415	-14.8	+ 3.1	44,972	+ 6.3
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78	12mos.'79	12mos.'78
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	89.2	-25.2	-26.5	1,746.5	-13.7
New Private Starts	89.0	-25.0	-25.5	1,732.4	-14.3
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,527	+ 0.3	-26.4		
One-Family Housing Starts	56.6	-21.8	-30.5	1,193.3	-16.7
(Proportion of Total Starts)	63.5			68.3	
	Nov.'79	Oct. '79	Nov. '78	11mos.'79	11mos.'78
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	7,391	-28.6	-12.4	97,987	+ 3.3
New Housing Units	3,509	-30.1	-24.4	51,800	- 5.9
New Nonresidential	2,859	-27.7	- 2.6	34,516	+15.5
Additions and alterations	884	-22.2	+18.2	10,342	+19.0
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	19,800	-27.2	-10.8	261,300	+ 1.0



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QIII '79	QII '79	QIII '78	9 mos. '79	9 mos. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total	12,208	- 0.2	- 4.1	35,591	- 2.9
Softwoods	10,317	+ 0.5	- 4.2	29,854	- 4.1
Hardwoods	1,891	- 3.7	- 3.1	5,737	+ 4.1

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)		% Change From	
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,426	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
All Manufacturing Industries	20,954	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	742	- 1.3	- 3.0
Furniture and Fixtures	484	+ 0.2	- 1.4

WHOLESALE PRICES		% Change From	
	Dec. '79	Nov. '79	Dec. '78
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	249.4	+ 1.0	+14.7
All Construction Materials	255.3	- 0.5	+ 7.7
Lumber and Wood Products	289.8	- 3.1	+ 0.4
All Lumber	338.9	- 4.7	- 0.1
Softwood Lumber	359.8	- 5.7	- 1.0
Douglas Fir Lumber	365.3	- 2.9	+ 1.2
Southern Pine Lumber	328.2	- 3.9	+ 5.6
Other Softwood Lumber	365.7	- 8.0	- 5.1
Hardwood Lumber	259.4	0.0	+ 3.8
Millwork	250.6	- 0.7	+ 3.7
Softwood Plywood	292.2	- 3.6	-13.7
Hardwood Plywood	174.8	0.0	+15.0
Wood Household Furniture	207.4	+ 1.4	+ 9.7
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	231.0	+ 0.7	+12.6
Steel Mill Products	289.3	+ 0.2	+10.4
Aluminum Shapes	255.2	+ 0.2	+ 8.4
Concrete Products	253.2	+ 1.1	+12.9
Structural Clay Products	226.8	+ 2.6	+ 9.8

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